

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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**15 January 2017**

## **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

On 21 August 1879, fifteen people in the small village of Knock, Co. Mayo, Ireland, saw an apparition on the outer back wall of the parish Church. The vision lasted for two hours and in the vision, Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist were standing on one side, and in the centre was an altar, with a lamb upon it, a cross behind the altar, and angels surrounding the lamb in adoration. The lamb represents Jesus.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God, because, though completely innocent, His blood was to be shed to save His people, to enable them to escape the captivity of sin. We can all recognise sin in the world around us, and in our own lives, and recognise its corrupting power and influence. Every generation suffers from it, but in our own times it seems to be more highlighted than ever before. Each one of us can be burdened by the guilt of sin we have committed, and we can also carry hurts from the sins others have inflicted upon us. Both of these things hold us in bondage, and we need to be set free. That is why Jesus came, and that is why we should feel drawn to the lamb, who alone can take away our sins, and provide us with healing and peace.

The cause of many of our problems today is spiritual. Sickneses in the soul can affect our minds and even our bodies. There is a phrase, 'a healthy mind in a healthy body' – the state of our soul affects both mind and body. A barman once said to me that he hears more confessions than I do. I'm sure he probably does, but he cannot take away the sins. It is Jesus, the Lamb of God who can take away our sins, and the sacrament of penance or confession is a remarkable way for us to experience release from the things that bind us. We who are sick of soul need to go to Jesus to be relieved of our burdens, and he longs to make us free.

Fr Maurice

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm in the **Parish Hall**. Godparents are also very much encouraged to attend.

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016/17:** The next session for the First Communion Programme will be next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January. On this date the children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation between 10am and 12pm in the Church. Kindly be present by 9.45am.

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** The 2017 Confirmation programme will begin this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Young people who have registered for the programme are required to attend, and for this session parents are also required to attend. Please be on time.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2017:** As this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Brentwood, in thanksgiving to Our Lady we are organizing a parish pilgrimage. Following initial enquiries, we will run an 8-day pilgrimage to Lourdes, visiting Paris and Lisieux briefly on the return journey, from **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017**, with approximate costs of £449 per adult (11+), £399 children aged 3-11, £229 infants aged 0-3. Thank you to all who attended our initial information evening before Christmas. **We are holding a follow-up meeting next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 4pm in the parish hall, to discuss the practicalities, for all those who will commit to attend the pilgrimage.** Places are limited; so do come along to avoid disappointment.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB:** We will be leaving the nativity scene up until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This day is traditionally considered a 'Christmas feast', because it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas, and completes the season.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend we will have a second collection for the homeless, and the proceeds will be split equally between Caritas Anchor House, a homeless shelter in Canning Town, and the Christian Kitchen, which supplies food to local people every night of the year. Please support this collection. Many thanks.

**AFRICAN MISSION MEETING:** Members of the African Communities are cordially invited to attend African Mission meeting on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 at 3pm prompt at St George's Church Meeting Room, 132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU. Please make every effort to attend and also encourage other members to come.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL:** We are planning to hold a day / half a Day of Reflection on Saturday 28 January 2017. Please add your name to the sheet attached to the Stewards of the Gospel notice board in the church porch to signify your interest. If there is sufficient interest, one will be held. This will be an opportunity for those who have not completed their questionnaire to do so with help available on hand.

**FR THOMAS BYLES – A HERO OF THE TITANIC:** Come to St George's Hall on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 3-5pm** to learn the true story of Fr Thomas Byles', a priest of the Brentwood Diocese, and his heroic efforts on the night of April 15, 1912, when the Titanic sank. Tea and coffee will be available, with a 1hr DVD screening of a film, plus

time for social and discussion. Come along and be inspired by Fr Thomas' concern for others.

**SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL:** In light of data protection rules it is important that on entering hospital you tell the nurses that your details or those of your relatives be passed to the Catholic chaplain, if you wish to be visited. You can also phone the presbytery directly to let us know. We visit the wards during the week and are also on call 24-hours.

**SATs TUTORING:** Icilda Stewart is running English Classes for Year 5 & 6 children in the parish hall, focussed on preparation for SATs Assessments in May 2017 and 2018. Please note that Maths Classes will also be offered shortly. To find out more please call Icilda on 07949 528 873.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** To Celebrate the Centenary of Fatima. 1st - 6th September 2017. Price £649 including Flights H/B Hotel. Deposit deadline: 16th January 2017. Further details and to book - see [www.paxtravel.co.uk](http://www.paxtravel.co.uk) or call Stella on 02085273879.

**OLSG NURSERY INTAKE 2017/18:** Reminder for parents of children born between 01.09.012 - 31.08.2013. The closing date for Reception admission forms is 15th January 2017. This is for both the online eAdmission required by the Borough and the Supplementary Information Form required by the school.

**ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION, OLSG SCHOOL:** If your child was born between 01.09.2012 and 31.08.2013 they are due to start school in September 2017. To apply for OLSG School, please see further information on the Church noticeboard for details of the forms to be completed.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Registering to donate to the parish via the offertory envelopes allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given, at no extra cost to the giver. This makes your generous donations go further, and supports the upkeep of the Church and its buildings, and our schools. If you would like to register for the Gift Aid scheme, or have any questions about it, please call Armie on 07962 501 555.

**RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC):** The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. Sessions take place on **Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room**. If you would like more information about the RCIA process please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914.

### **ROTAS – JANUARY**

Counting	1/1 <b>B</b>	8/1 <b>D</b>	15/1 <b>D</b>	22/1 <b>E</b>	29/1 <b>F</b>
Christian Kitchen	7/1 <b>Nor</b>	14/1 <b>F</b>	21/1 <b>G</b>	28/1 <b>A</b>	31/12 <b>B</b>
Hospital	1/1 <b>B</b>	8/1 <b>D</b>	15/1 <b>A</b>	22/1 <b>B</b>	29/1 <b>D</b>

The offertory collection last week was £1458.73

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this week

6.00pm	Special Ints
Sun 15 Jan	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Fr Jesurara (Ints)
12.00pm	Paul Yamson (Ints)
Mon 16 Jan	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Margaret Raffo (RIP)
9.15am	Sr Anne Marie (Ints)
Tue 17 Jan	<b>St Anthony, Abbott</b>
7.00am	Isabella Doig (Ints)
9.15am	Fr Pat Sammon (Ints)
Wed 18 Jan	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Patrick Ramsey (Ints)
9.15am	Pope Francis (Ints)
Thu 19 Jan	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Patrick Ramsey (Ints)
9.15am	Fr Angelus Houle (Ints)
Fri 20 Jan	<b>Feria</b>
7.00am	Patrick Ramsey (Ints)
9.15am	Jimmy, Marie-Noelle and James Coeur-de-Lion (Ints)
Sat 21 Jan	<b>St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</b>
10.00am	Krishna, Tessie and Theresa Kalpee (Ints)
6.00pm	Moss & Nagle Families (RIP)
Sun 22 Jan	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>
8.30am	Prayer Warriors (Ints)
10.00am	Fr Patrick Daly (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish

### **We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:**

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Natalie Rosario, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Luis & Lukas, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Pdraig Hester, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio.

### **Morning Prayer:**

### **Rosary:**

### **Reconciliation (Confessions):**

**Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am**

**Weekdays after morning Mass**

**Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm.** During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request; please call at the house.

### **Bible Study:**

Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

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